



# Metta Scholarship 2021-22

A scholarship for incoming domestic transfer and first-year students

**Scholarship Award: \$6,000 per successful applicant.**

- The Metta Scholarship is awarded to select domestic undergraduate students with a minimum **3.0 GPA** who matriculate into University of the West (UWest) in the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Priority is given to transfer students who, at the time of application, have successfully completed at least 30 units at a community college or accredited four-year university/college.
- The applicant's cumulative high school and college GPA are taken into consideration when awarding the Metta Scholarship.
- Renewal of the Metta Scholarship is possible, but not guaranteed, depending on the student's performance and funding availability. Maximum term of scholarship eligibility is two years or four semesters. Upon successful completion of their first two years, Metta Scholarship recipients are eligible to apply for other available university scholarships for the remainder of their program of study.

## **Deadline:**

Scholarship applications are reviewed as long as funds are available. Due to high demand, applicants are encouraged to submit their applications by April 1. Generally, applicants are informed of the scholarship decision by April 30.

## **Criteria:**

1. The Metta Scholarship is available to new undergraduate students seeking a **bachelor's degree** at UWest.
2. Minimum **3.0 GPA**
3. Students must enroll at UWest full time (minimum 12 units per semester)
4. Students must submit a *FAFSA* to UWest at the time of application and should demonstrate eligibility for federal and/or state financial aid. Pell Grant eligible students are given priority in the scholarship consideration.



### **Maintaining Scholarship:**

To maintain the Metta Scholarship while at UWest, students must fulfill the following requirements:

- Maintain a minimum **3.25 GPA**
- Have no (I) "Incomplete" on the transcript. Students must resolve any incomplete course(s) before the scholarship can be renewed and/or disbursed.
- Maintain fulltime enrollment at UWest.
- Uphold academic integrity standards (e.g. refrain from plagiarizing, cheating, etc.).
- Actively engage in student life (e.g. UWest Student Government, student clubs, events, volunteer opportunities, committees, etc.) and/or community service.
- Uphold UWest values and student conduct standards. (The University reserves the right to disqualify a student from scholarship renewal if that student has been held responsible for serious violations of the UWest Student Conduct Code.)

**During the first two weeks of the Spring semester, recipients of the scholarship are reviewed for continued eligibility based on the above-mentioned requirements. Recipients may be disqualified from the scholarship if one or more of these requirements are not met.**

Recipients of the Metta Scholarship are entitled to appeal disqualification should they encounter extenuating circumstances. The appeal needs to be submitted to the Financial Aid and Scholarship Committee no later than the beginning of the Spring semester. Each student may qualify for no more than two appeals during their respective course of study. Contact the Financial Aid Office for detailed information.

### **Scholarship Disbursement:**

Disbursement of the Scholarship award is made in two installments, the first in Fall semester and the second in Spring semester. The funds are applied directly to the student's account. The Bursar's Office issues a direct deposit or a stipend check if a student has a credit balance in their account after the add/drop date of each semester.

### **Required Documents for a Successful Application:**

1. Completed and signed UWest Financial Aid and Scholarship Application Form;
2. *FAFSA* application or California Dream Act application;
3. Copy of previous official transcript(s).

**Note:** The Metta Scholarship Application should be submitted together with the Application for Admission to UWest. All required documentation for admissions\ and



scholarship must be submitted by the indicated deadline. Applications not completed by these dates will not be considered.

**Other Important Terms and Conditions:**

- The scholarship is non-transferable to other students or institutions.
- The scholarship cannot be deferred.
- This scholarship cannot be awarded in conjunction with Lotus Scholarship, Dream Scholarship, President's Scholarship, Dean's Scholarship, IBEF Scholarship, IBEF Fellowship or UWest Scholarship. Students must return the scholarship funds if other scholarship money is received.
- Recipients may become disqualified after the scholarship is disbursed if their enrollment status changes during the term of the award, in which case students must return the scholarship funds received.
- When students decline or return the Scholarship, it will be considered forfeited, and UWest may keep the award or award it to another student.
- Recipients of the award agree to release to UWest the right to use their images for publication in any format chosen by the university (i.e. print, video, digital image).

***University of the West reserves the right to change part or all of the above terms and conditions at any time.***